Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC Section 103

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 20

The office action dated July 24, 2008 ("Office Action") rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker et al., US Patent Application Publication 2002/0116541 ("Parker") in view of Heinonen et al., US Patent 6,633,758 ("Heinonen").

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, to further prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 20 to incorporate the feature now found in dependent claim 8, namely, "said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher;".

For convenience, Applicant reproduces amended claim 1 below.

1. An electronic device comprising:
      at least one output device for emitting a plurality of different signals;

a microcomputer for processing a plurality of calendar appointments within a calendar application; said microcomputer further configured for processing a plurality of applications; said microcomputer configured to maintain a plurality of profiles; each of said calendar appointment configured to have a different profile associated therewith; each of said profiles associated with all of said applications; each of said applications within each of said profiles having a plurality of notification behaviours; each of said notification behaviours having an identical set of parameters for each of said applications; each of said notifications behaviours uniquely configurable for each said application and each said profile; *said profile settings application including a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to comprise a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein at least one of said calendar appointments is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher;*

said microcomputer configured to maintain a profile settings application; said profile settings application configured to receive user input for setting said notification behaviours for each of said applications for each said profile;

said microcomputer configured to derive one of said notification behaviours when one of said applications executes during one of said plurality of calendar appointments; said notification behaviour derived from said profile;

said microcomputer configured to cause said output device to emit one of said signals corresponding to said notification behaviour derived from said profile.

Page 7 of the Office Action alleges that, "As to claim 8, Parker discloses the electronic device of claim 1 wherein said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles: wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher (Figures 4-8, paragraph [0036], [0054], *the user may set a predetermined profile for all appointments of a particular type, e.g.. busy, out of office, tentative, free, etc. Therefore. the user does not have to manually set a profile for each appointment individually, but can set a profile based on the type of appointment in a global manner*)."[emphasis added]

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant reproduces paragraphs [0036] and [0054] of Parker, below, to assist our discussion.

> "[0036] As may be appreciated, many other profiles may be created and stored. For example the system may incorporate an "off" profile which effectively turns all notifications off. Additionally, although not shown, profiles may be created that provide for certain notification types, such as sound, for only specific notification events, such as critical reminders. As an example, the profile may be set to silent mode for all notification events except for a phone call or email from a particular person."

> "[0054] In an embodiment of the invention, the software could support the automatic profile switching for each appointment individually, wherein the user manually associates an appointment with a particular profile. That profile is then used for all reminders

occurring during that one appointment. Alternatively, the user may set a predetermined profile for all appointments of a particular type, e.g., busy, out of office, tentative, free, etc. Therefore, the user does not have to manually set a profile for each appointment individually, but can set a profile based on the type of appointment in a global manner. In such a case, the device automatically enters profile switching mode once an appointment of a predetermined type begins."

Paragraph [0036] describes the type of profile that can be created in Parker. Paragraph [0054] discloses that the software could support automatic profile switching by associating an appointment with a particular profile. Figs 4-7 illustrate the method to populate the profiles. Fig. 8 illustrates the manual switching of profiles.

However, nowhere in Parker, including the cited references Figs. 4-8, paragraphs [0036] & [0056], satisfies the element, "said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher", as recited by pending claim 8.

In support of its assertion that Parker satisfies the element, "said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of

text within said profile string matcher", as recited by claim 8, the Office Action states, "the user may set a predetermined profile for all appointments of a particular type, e.g., busy, out of office, tentative, free, etc. Therefore, the user does not have to manually set a profile for each appointment individually, but can set a profile based on the type of appointment in a global manner". Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action failed to support its assertion because the explanation merely states that profiles can be automatically switched by associating an appointment with a particular profile, which does not support the assertion that Parker discloses the element, "said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher", as recited by pending claim 8.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action fails to support, with clear references to Parker and clear reasoning, the assertion that Parker discloses the element, "said profile settings application includes a profile string matcher; said profile string matcher configured to permit a user to predefine a string of text and associate said string of text with one of said profiles; wherein each said calendar appointment is configured to have a profile associated therewith based on one of said strings of text within said profile string matcher", as recited by pending claim 8. Consequently, the Office Action's assertion is merely a conclusory statement, which is contrary to the requirements for establishing obviousness as outlined KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc., No. 04-1350, slip op. at 14, (April 30, 2007) (quoting In re Kahn, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed. Cir. 2006): "[R]ejections on obviousness grounds cannot be sustained by mere conclusory

statements"); In re Lee, 61 USPQ2d 1430, 1435 (Fed. Cir. 2002) (agency is not permitted to rely upon conclusory statements, and must support its conclusions with evidence and reasoning).

Since neither Parker nor Heinonen discloses the subject matter of claim 8, which has been incorporated into amended claims 1 and 20, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 20 are patentable over Parker in view of Heinonen.

As claims 2-3, 5-7, and 10 now depend from claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections relative to claims 2-3, 5-7, and 10 under 35 USC section 103 are now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection relative to claims 2-3, 5-7, and 10 under 35 USC 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance. To the extent that any issues remain to be resolved, however, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to resolve these issues.
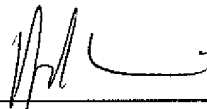
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